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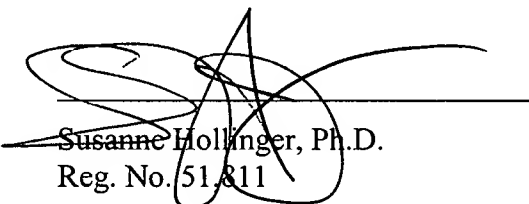
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Sir:

Applicants hereby claim small entity status. Applicants are entitled to the reduced fees associated with status as a small entity.

Applicants believe no further fees are required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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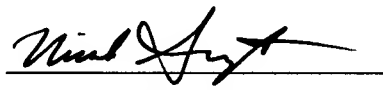
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